SURAH AL MULK

AND THE PUNISHMENT OF THE GRAVE

The Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said:

"SURAH AL MULK IS THE PROTECTOR FROM THE TORMENT OF THE GRAVE"
(Sahih Al-Jami' 1/680, Al-Hakim 2/498 & An-Nasai')

Al Mannaawi (رحيم الله) said:

The surah will give protection to the one who recited it; when he dies and is placed in his grave, he will not be punished there.
(At Tayseer, Vol 2, Page 62)

The Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said:

"IT IS MY DESIRE / LOVE THAT SURAH AL MULK SHOULD BE IN THE HEART OF EVERY MUSLIM"
(Al-Hakim)

The Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said:

"VERILY THERE IS A SURAH IN THE QUR'AN WHICH HAS 30 AYATS. IT HAD INTERCEDED FOR A PERSON TILL HE WAS FORGIVEN. THAT SURAH IS 'تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ الْمُلْكُ'."
(Ibn Majah 3786, Abu Dawud 1400, At Tirmidhi 2891, Ibn Hibban and Hakim regarded it as authentic. See Sahih Ibn Hibban, Vol.3, Page 67-69 and Mustadrak Al Hakim, Vol 2, Page 498)

Al Mannaawi (رحيم الله) said:

He recited it frequently, thus it kept asking Allah (to forgive him) until he was forgiven. This is encouragement to everyone to recite it regularly so as to attain its intercession.
(Fayd Al Qadeer, Vol 2, Page 574)

Ibn Mas'ud (رضي الله عنه) is reported that,

"A MAN WILL BE APPROACHED IN HIS GRAVE FROM HIS LEGS AND FROM HIS CHEST AND THEN FROM HIS HEAD. AND EACH TIME THIS SURAH WILL DEFEND HIM BY SAYING, 'YOU CANNOT DO ANYTHING TO HIM, HE USED TO RECITE SURAH MULK'."

Ibn Mas'ud (رضي الله عنه) further states,

"IT IS CALLED, 'AL-MAANI'AH'. FOR IT PROTECTS FROM THE PUNISHMENT OF THE GRAVE."
(Mustadrak Al Hakim, Vol 2, Page 498. Al Hakim has classified this narration as Sahih)

The Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said:

"THERE IS A SURAH IN THE QUR'AN WHICH IS ONLY THIRTY VERSES (SURAH AL MULK). IT DEFENDED WHOEVER RECITED IT UNTIL IT PUTS HIM INTO PARADISE"
(Sahih Al Jami', Vol 1, Page 680, At Tabarani)

Abul Hasan Al Mubaarakfoori (رحيم الله) said:

What is meant is that reciting this soorah in this world will be a means of salvation from the punishment of the grave.
(Mar'aat Al Mafaateeh, Vol 7, Page 231)

Jabir (رضي الله عنه) said,

“IT WAS THE CUSTOM OF THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (صلى الله عليه و سلم) NOT TO GO TO SLEEP UNTIL HE HAD READ تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ الْمُلْكُ (SURAH AL MULK).”
(Ahmad, Tirmidhi & At Darimi)

The Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said:

“THERE IS A SURAH WHICH WILL PLEAD FOR ITS RECITER TILL IT CAUSES HIM TO ENTER PARADISE (تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ الْمُلْكُ).”
(At Tabarani)

Ibn Abbas (رضي الله عنه) reported that,

“ONE OF THE PROPHET’S COMPANIONS SET UP HIS TENT OVER A GRAVE WITHOUT REALIZING THAT IT WAS A GRAVE AND IT CONTAINED A MAN WHO WAS RECITING THE SURAH MULK (تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ الْمُلْكُ) UP TO THE END. HE WENT AND TOLD THE PROPHET (صلى الله عليه و سلم) WHO SAID, ‘IT IS THE DEFENDER; IT IS THE PROTECTOR WHICH SAFEGUARDS FROM ALLAH (سبحانه وتعالى)’S PUNISHMENT’”
(At-Tirmidhi)

Khalid bin Madam (tabie) said about Surat Al-Mulk & Surah ‘As Sajda that,

“THESE TWO SURAHS WILL FIGHT FOR THEIR RECITER IN THE GRAVE AND WILL SAY, ‘O ALLAH! IF WE BELONG TO YOUR BOOK, ACCEPT OUR INTERCESSION IN HIS FAVOUR. IN CASE WE DO NOT, GET US OBLITERATED. THESE SURAH’S WILL SPREAD THEIR WINGS LIKE BIRDS AND WILL SAVE THE PERSON FROM THE TORMENT OF THE GRAVE.’ (Mishkat Al Misbah)